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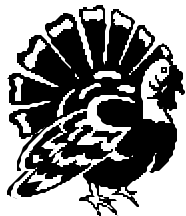
NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens was steady, 16-24 lb. toms was mostly steady. Moderate inquiry focused on fresh for the upcoming holidays and fill in trading on frozen hens and toms. Offerings were fair to short of needs for hens, mixed on toms. No trading reported. Bulk meat activity was fairly quiet and centered on spot loads of fresh destrapped tenders and fresh breast meat delivered close by. Supplies of frozen toms drums and fresh mechanically separated turkey were tight for prompt shipment.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was slow, with limited interest noted from Mexico. Thigh meat was offered in a range of prices, however buyers were reluctant to commit at current prices.



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CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	67-71	68-71	69.50	120	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	63-66	65	65.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-64	63	63.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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WESTERN REGION 5/	67-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	63-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	62-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	62-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 2 DECEMBER 2003.

Trading generally slow as buyers and sellers review activity of the previous holiday shortened week. Product thinly tested, pricing in a full range from fully steady to weak. Offerings sufficient for the limited demand.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	45.00		45.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	41.00		41.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	43.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	43.00-44.50		43.50	60
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	43.00	24
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	42.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		M	72.00	20
NECKS, TOM	26.00		26.00	40
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		W	150.00	280
THIGH MEAT	88.00		88.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		T	91.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		T	82.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		W	78.00	40
TENDERLOINS		T	93.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	82.50	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		W	114.33	90
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	68.00	14
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	17.00		17.00	40

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	42.00-43.50		42.60	100
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	16.54	196
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	79.00		79.00	162

*Correction from Monday December 1: Wings, full-cut, Hen at 72 cents was reported and should have read Hen wings V-type at 72 cents.

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	107
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	107
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	71-74
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	70-73
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	72-80

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	109-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	99-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	105-130

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Trading was slow and not well tested. Buyers and sellers reviewing current inventory positions. Demand limited from both domestic and export areas. Pricing was mixed from steady to weak. Supplies limited but sufficient for the current demand.

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DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		T	41.00	80
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WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	43.50	60
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BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		W	78.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	82.50	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	112.00-113.00		112.50	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	68.00	14
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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 12/03/03

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD	ACCUMULATED		
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
2003-2004	3,735	123,226	123,226
2002-2003	28,772	195,600	195,900

BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 11/26/03

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD	ACCUMULATED		
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
2003-2004	-	-	-
2002-2003	1,000	166,828	167,128

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